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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:

Bruce A. Rich et al. : Not Assigned

Serial No.: 09/746,582 : Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Filed: December 21, 2000 : IBM Corporation

Intellectual Property Law Dept.

Title: COMPOSITE KEYSTORE : 11400 Burnet Road FACILITY APPARATUS AND METHOD : Internal Zip 4054 THEREFOR : Austin, TX 78758

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington C.C. 20231, on January 11, 2001.

Signature

Gracie Segovia

(Printed name of person certifying)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- (1) Please replace the second instance of "106" with --108--, in line 13, please replace "algorithms" with --algorithm--, in line 21, please replace "private" with --public-- and in line 22, please replace "private" with --public--.
 - (2) On page 4, line 3, please replace "private" with --public--.
 - (3) On page 5, line 1, please replace "users" with --user's--.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(4) On page 6, line 4, please replace "reprieving" with --retrieving--, and in line 5, please delete the first instance of "said."

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- (5) On page 13, line 11 please replace "signal" with --signature--, in line 12, please replace "signal" with --signature-- and in line 14 please replace "signal" with --signature--.
 - (6) On page 16, line 14, please replace "keystore" with --certificate--.
 - (7) On page 18, line 1, please replace "keystores" with --keystore's--.
- (8) On page 19, line 6, please replace "506" with --508--, in line 9 please replace "users" with --user's--, in line 11 please replace "users" with --user's--, and in line 14, please replace "users" with --user's--.

REMARKS

The specification has hereinabove been amended to correct minor typographical errors, wherein the amendments conform the written description and the drawings. The Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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